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TAGS: CASC, JO, IS (FEIGON, LARRY S.)

SUBJECT: W/W: AMCIT UNABLE TO LEAVE SAIGON

REF: JERUSALEM 1533

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO DR. FEIGON OUR SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR HIS CONCERN ABOUT HIS SON. AS DR. FEIGON KNOWS, ALAN DAWSON AND THE ICRC HAVE CONFIRMED HIS SON'S PRESENCE IN SVN, INCLUDING THE FACT OF HIS ARREST AND TIME IN JAIL. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT LARRY IS NOW OUT OF JAIL AND IS STAYING AT THE RED CROSS BUILDING IN SAIGON.
 2. IF ICRC GENEVA HAS FURTHER WORD ON LARRY REQUEST MISSION ADVISE JERUSALEM WITH INFO TO SECSTATE, WASHDC.
 3. REGARDING UNHCR'S CURRENT VISIT TO INDOCHINA, WE HAVE ADVISED HIM AND HIS STAFF OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE 40 TO 50 AMERICANS STILL IN SVN, AND THE PRINCE HAS SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO FACILITATE THEIR DEPARTURE. THERE HAVE BEEN FAIRLY REGULAR FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON TO BANGKOK SPONSORED BY THE UNHCR AND BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, BUT VIRTUALLY NO AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE ON THOSE FLIGHTS SINCE
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EARLY AUGUST. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT AMERICANS

ARE NOW BEING KEPT IN SAIGON AS "HOSTAGES" IN RETALIATION
OF US VETO OF VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS.
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SEPTEMBER 11 EXPRESSED USG
CONCERN ABOUT SUCH A POLICY.

4. PLEASE ASSURE DR. FEIGON USG WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL
IT CAN THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ICRC
AND UNHCR TO ASSIST AMERICANS STILL IN VIETNAM AND TO
ARRANGE FOR THEIR EARLIEST POSSIBLE DEPARTURE. ROBINSON

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